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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas  
Hargray Communications Group, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hargray Communications Group, Inc. ("Hargray") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.<sup>1</sup> Hargray is affiliated with ILECs and CLECs serving rural areas of South Carolina and Georgia, and proposes deployment through its CLEC affiliates as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment envisioned may be able to provide broadband service to some or all of the 2,236 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within these Census Tract(s):

<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Tract</u>
South Carolina	Jasper	9501.00, 9502.00, 9502.01, 9502.02, 9503.00
South Carolina	Hampton	9201.00, 9202.00, 9203.00, 9204.00, 9205.00
South Carolina	Beaufort	0001.00, 0004.00, 0009.03, 0011.01, 0011.02, 0012, 0022.02
Georgia	Chatham	0001.00, 0039.00, 0040.02, 0043.00, 0045.00, 0101.01, 0105.01, 0106.01, 0106.03, 0106.05, 0107, 0108.01, 0108.02, 0108.03, 0108.03, 0108.08, 0110.03, 0110.04, 0110.06, 0111.07, 0115.00, 0116.00, 9800.00

As the Commission provides more details, Hargray may wish to expand this list.

<sup>1</sup> See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Proposed Services

Hargray will provide both voice and broadband services primarily over fiber to the home, but with some hybrid fiber coax in particular locations. Broadband speeds will be based on customer demand and will initially be up to 50 Mbps downstream and 5 Mbps upstream.

Funding

Given the lack of more granular location information, Hargray cannot provide more specific funding requirements other than to say that once the application process has been defined and locations identified it will be able to better determine its costs and the area's market potential. At time, it will submit applications with the intent to provide services described above within the funding identified in the FCC's notice. At a minimum, however, we project that we would be able to serve approximately 2,000 unserved or underserved customers in Jasper and Hampton counties for the \$1.1M in annual funding produced by the price cap model.

Hargray expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within a year after construction starts.

Hargray appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



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